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Senate

The Senate met at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, because of Your power, monarchs reign and rulers decree justice. Radiate Your light and peace on Capitol Hill today. Help our Senators to understand Your will and make the commitment to follow Your leading. Lord, give them the wisdom to live in harmony with one another so that together they will strengthen America. May the weapons they face fail because of the shield of Your divine favor that protects them. Sustain them in their going out and coming in, in their rising up and lying down. Instruct them in the night seasons, providing them with wisdom to illuminate the darkness of our world.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to Calendar No. 428, the appropriations matter we have been working on.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 428, H.R. 4660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Following my remarks, we will be in morning business until 11:00 this morning. At 11:00 a.m. we will have four rollcall votes to confirm three district court judges and the Assistant Attorney General. The time until 11:00 will be equally divided and controlled by the leaders or their designees.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4453, H.R. 4457

Mr. President, there are two bills at the desk due for their second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bills by title for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4453, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations.

H.R. 4457, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expense limitations, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would object to any further proceedings with respect to these bills, en bloc.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Your objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

APPROPRIATIONS CONSIDERATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today we are going to begin work on three very important appropriations bills. The leader of these bills, of course, will be the chairman of the overall committee, Senator MIKULSKI. Working with her will be other committee chairs—on the transportation subcommittee Senator PATTY MURRAY, who is extremely well versed on matters here on the floor, and on agriculture, the Senator from Arkansas Mr. PRYOR. We hope we can move forward on these bills im-

mediately. There is no reason we cannot. It is something we should be doing to fund our government. Senator MIKULSKI is going to be leading this, as I indicated, along with the senior Senator from Alabama Mr. SHELBY. These bills will provide our government with the resources it needs to serve the American people. The manner in which we handle these very important issues will largely dictate how the appropriations are managed in the coming weeks and months. We need to keep our government operating.

I look forward to a cooperative amendment process and participation from all Senators. If we are successful in passing the bills in a timely manner, we can move to other essential legislation, including the much needed surface transportation bill.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. President, will the Chair announce the business of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11:00 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes, with the time equally divided by the two leaders or their designees.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the distinguished senior Senator from Iowa is here to speak on one of the nominations. I am sure that if the Republican leader does come, he would yield to the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

KADZIK NOMINATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. For the third time in a couple weeks, I want to speak about one of the nominees we are going to be voting on today. That nominee is Peter Kadzik. He has been nominated to the Department of Justice's Office of

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